

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rule making related to community college faculty**

The State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 24, “Community College Accreditation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7(5).

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2454.

*Purpose and Summary*

This rule making revises minimum community college faculty qualifications, as required by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2454.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making*

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 7, 2020, as **ARC 5209C**. A public hearing was held on October 27, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, with an option to participate by video conference. No one attended the public hearing. No public comments were received. One minor grammatical change was made since publication of the Notice. The word “possesses” was changed to “possess” in paragraph “1” of subparagraph 24.5(1)“a”(1).

*Adoption of Rule Making*

This rule making was adopted by the State Board on November 18, 2020.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rule making will become effective on January 20, 2021.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend subrule 24.5(1) as follows:

**24.5(1) Faculty.**

*a.* Community college-employed instructors who teach college credit courses shall meet minimum standards and institutional quality faculty plan requirements. Standards shall at a minimum require that all community college instructors meet the following requirements:

(1) Instructors teaching courses in the area of career and technical education shall be registered, certified, or licensed in the occupational area in which the state requires registration, certification, or licensure and shall meet ~~either~~ at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Possess a baccalaureate degree or higher in the field of instruction in which the instructor is ~~teaching~~ teaches classes, or possess a baccalaureate degree in any area of study if at least 18 of the credit hours completed were in the career and technical field of instruction in which the instructor teaches classes.

2. Possess an associate degree in the career and technical education field of instruction in which the instructor is teaching, if such degree is considered terminal for that field of instruction, and have at least 3,000 hours of recent and relevant work experience in the occupational area or related occupational area in which the instructor teaches classes.

~~2. 3. Possess a combination of education, Have special training, and at least 6,000 hours of relevant tested experience in the field of instruction occupational area or related occupational area in which the instructor teaches classes. If if the instructor possesses less than a baccalaureate degree in the area or related area of study or occupational area in which the instructor is teaching classes and the instructor does not meet the requirements of subparagraph 24.5(1) "a"(2).~~

(2) For purposes of paragraphs 24.5(1) "a"(1) "2" and "3," if the instructor is a licensed practitioner who holds a career and technical endorsement under Iowa Code chapter 272, relevant work experience in the occupational area includes, but is not limited to, classroom instruction in a career and technical education subject area offered by a school district or accredited nonpublic school.

~~(2)~~ (3) Instructors in the area of arts and sciences shall meet one of the following qualifications:

1. to 3. No change.

*b.* and *c.* No change.

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